

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Fischer et al.	Confirmation No. 3082
Serial No.: 10/019,087	Group Art Unit: 1644
Filed: December 19, 2001	Examiner: Phuong N. Huynh
For: METHOD FOR DETECTING A LIPOPROTEIN-ACUTE PHASE PROTEIN COMPLEX AND PREDICTING AN INCREASED RISK OF SYSTEM FAILURE OR MORTALITY	

April 28, 2006

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants provide the present Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination ("Amendment") in response to the final Office Action dated November 17, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application. Alternatively, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment as narrowing the issues for further consideration.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this document.